

Capitol Planning Commission Minutes  
November 12, 2014  
Capitol View Conference Room, Iowa Workforce Development Building  
(1:00 pm – 2:00 pm)

**Members Present:**

William Dikis, Chair	Scott Weiser, Vice-Chair
Janet Phipps, Secretary	Elizabeth Isaacson
Senator Matt McCoy	Matt Anderson
Senator Charles Schneider	Carol Grant

**Members Absent:**

Representative Dan Kelley  
Representative Ralph Watts  
Allison Dorr Kleis

**Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Staff Present for All or Portions of the Meeting:**

Lon Anderson, DAS	Jennifer Moehlmann, DAS/GSE
Scott Gustafson, DAS/GSE	Emily Narayan, DAS/GSE
Caleb Hunter, DAS	

**Others Present for All or Portions of the Meeting:**

Dave Heuton, Legislature	Theresa Kehoe, Legislature
Russ Trimble, Legislature	

**Call to Order and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chair Bill Dikis, followed by roll call and introductions.

**Approval of Agenda**

Senator McCoy requested an update on the Wallace agenda be added to the agenda.

**MOTION:** Janet Phipps moved to approve the agenda as amended. Scott Weiser seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Carol Grant noted a text clarification in the October meeting minutes related to the total estimated cost of the renovation of the Historical Building. Jennifer Moehlmann noted page #3 will state “the institutional expenses [total] about \$15,000,000.”

**MOTION:** Carol Grant made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Elizabeth Isaacson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Chair Dikis stated he spoke to Director Cownie at the end of the October meeting and asked if the presentation to the Governor would be public. She said she thought it would be. Chair Dikis then asked that the Capitol Planning Commission members be invited to attend if they liked. Ms. Moehlmann will investigate and advise the Commission members when the presentation has been scheduled.

**Annual Report**

Chair Dikis reviewed the draft report. In the Annual Report, Chair Dikis prioritized three projects from the DAS 5-year plan that were the best fit for the Capitol Planning Commission to address: #1 - Wallace, #2 - Fleet Operations relocation, and #3 - Historical Building. These projects best support our mission to beautify the Capitol Complex. Chair Dikis asked members for their opinions regarding project order.

Senator McCoy noted from the perspective of the RIIF fund priorities legislatively, the Capitol Planning Commission priorities should be the Wallace Building.

Chair Dikis advised the Capitol Planning Commission continues to search for ways to express our priorities to Legislature, especially the monuments and artwork. Longer term goals, including the East Capitol Mall and other priorities to beautify the Capitol Grounds, also need to be conveyed to the Legislators. Senator McCoy noted it's easier for the Legislature to appropriate money to an overall budget for maintenance than specifically for carpet or monuments. The Commission can express it that way in their report, but it wouldn't be appropriated that way.

**MOTION:** Vice Chair Scott Weiser made a motion for submission of the Annual Report. Carol Grant seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### ***Wallace Building***

Senator McCoy stated he has seen the report in the media and noted the lead tests came back below standard levels; however, perception becomes reality among folks that the building is unsafe and it is a big concern with the number of employees in the building. Senator McCoy hopes the Capitol Planning Commission's recommendation is very strong that the Wallace Building issues should be addressed before the museum. Senator McCoy noted we are going to have limited dollars and he is concerned about the RIIF budget and where that is going. Senator McCoy said he certainly doesn't want to approve any money for the museum until we address the Wallace Building. Senator McCoy had a conversation with Senator Gronstal about it and he shared these concerns. Chair Dikis inquired whether Senator McCoy would like a change to the wording in the Annual Report. Senator McCoy said he didn't think there needed to be a change in the report.

Director Phipps noted a contractor (Cardno ATC) has tested the Wallace Building twice and the test results were acceptable. DPH, OSHA, and consultants have been involved in the past. DAS sent the test reports to agency directors or designees in the Wallace Building. DAS will hire a contractor to clean some of the areas to ensure a safe passage to the electrical closet. Although there are issues with the building, Director Phipps felt comfortable with the test results. Senator Schneider asked if the lead was found throughout the building or in one specific area. Director Phipps said there was some throughout the building, but it was all within normal levels. Director Phipps also noted the building houses storage for confiscated weapons and weapons storage protocols should be reviewed including washing hands after handling weapons. The amount of lead deposited on hands during weapons handling is minimal and is nothing to be concerned about. Testing and cleaning will resolve these issues.

### **Other Business**

Chair Dikis stated that he thought the terms major maintenance and routine maintenance were confusing and he would like to work on developing better terms. Senator McCoy said he agreed that many legislators do not understand the distinctions and he thought it would be helpful if Chair Dikis could find more descriptive ways of describing the use and intentions for those dollars.

### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

Upcoming Meeting:

- January 7, 2015, 1 – 4 pm (Capitol, Room G49)
- April 15, 2015, 1 – 4 (Iowa Utilities Board/Office of Consumer Advocate Building, Conference Room 1)
- October 21, 2015, 1 – 4 pm (location TBD)